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DISINVESTMENT IN BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to disinvest in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for its development and expansion purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount available with BSNL at present and the amount required for its development and expansion plan; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) The amount budgeted for development and expansion of BSNL in 2007-08 and 2008-09 are Rs. 14065 crores and Rs. 18591 crores respectively, will be met out of funds available by internal generation over the years.